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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE VICTORY OF REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN
INDOCHINA IS DESCRIBED IN ROSY TERMS AND THE SOVIET UNION IS
CREDITED WITH HAVING GIVEN SIXTY PERCENT OF ALL AID RECEIVED BY
NORTH VIETNAM. THE U.S. ACTIONS AGAINST CAMBODIA ARE TERMED
"AN ACT OF AGGRESSION." AND THE AUTHORITY AND ROLE OF THE SOVIET
UNION IN INDOCHINA ARE SAID TO BE GREATLY INCREASED AND BECOMING
MORE AND MORE SIGNIFICANT. END SUMMARY.

2. ZNANIYE (KNOWLEDGE) SOCIETY PROPAGANDIST MIKHAIL DIMITRIYEVICH
SOLOV'YEV FOCUSED IN PREPARED REMARKS ON EVENTS IN VIETNAM AND
INDOCHINA IN GENERAL DURING SUNDAY, MAY 18, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL
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AFFAIRS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIS PITCH.

3. IT IS GREAT AND SYMOBLIC THAT 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN WWII COINCIDED WITH VICTORY OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS WENT INTO AREA AFTER THE FRENCH, STRUGGLE HAS ENDED IN COMPLETE VICTORY OF VIETNAMESE NATION. IT DID NOT EVEN HELP THAT THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS REMAINED IN VIETNAM AFTER THE PARIS AGREEMENTS TO HELP THE SAIGON PUPPETS CARRY ON THE WAR.

4. ONE HAS NEVER SEEN ANYTHING AS BITTER AND SHARP AS WHAT THIEU HAD TO SAY ABOUT U.S. GOVERNMENT AND KISSINGER WHEN HE RESIGNED. THIEU CHARGED THAT HE WAS TAKEN IN (DAL SEBYE OBMANUT) BY KISSINGER DURING 1973 NEGOTIATIONS.

5. SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES GAVE GREAT AMOUNTS OF AID TO VIETNAM IN SUPPORT OF THEIR STRUGGLE -- SOVIET UNION ALONE GAVE SIXTY PERCENT OF ALL SUCH AID. AND SOVIET ARTILLERY AND TANKS COMPETED VERY FAVORABLY WITH U.S. WEAPONRY IN VIETNAM. ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF WORLD ALSO HELPED VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. VIETNAMESE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR SOVIET HELP AND THIS HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR SOVIET POSITION IN AREA. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AUTHORITY AND ROLE OF SOVIET UNION VERY MUCH INCREASED AND THIS WILL BE MORE AND MORE SIGNIFICANT IN INDOCHINA.

6. VIETNAM'S POPULATION OF 40 MILLION NOW VERY STRONG MILITARILY SINCE IT HAS DRV'S EXISTING MILITARY POWER TOGETHER WITH ALL THAT CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM. OF COURSE, COUNTRY IS PROCEEDING ALONG ROAD TO REUNIFICATION EVEN THOUGH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES DIFFERENT AT MOMENT.

7. CHINESE HINDERED AID TO VIETNAMESE PEOPLE BY SLOWING DOWN THEIR SUPPLIES AND DELAYING TRANSIT OF EQUIPMENT FROM SOVIET UNION TO VIETNAM.

8. U.S. MILITARY ACTION AGAINST CAMBODIA IN CONNECTION WITH FREIGHTER MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT WAS "ACT OF AGGRESSION" IN WHICH U.S. LOST ITS SOLDIERS AND HELICOPTERS AND, OF COURSE, CAMBODIANS ALSO SUFFERED CASUALTIES. ONE MAY SAY THAT U.S. MILITARY MACHINE WANTED TO MAKE STRIKE AND PRESIDENT FORD MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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9. UNDER INFLUENCE OF VICTORY IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ONE NOW SEES IMPORTANT EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN LAOS. THAILAND, WHICH WAS A RELIABLE PARTNER OF U.S. FOR YEARS, NOW SAYS IT CANNOT RELY ON U.S. THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR SITUATION SINCE NOW THEY HAVE VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, AND LAOS -- WITH SOCIALIST STRUCTURE -- ONE ONE SIDE OF THEM, AND BURMA ON THE OTHER. THAILAND WANTS

TO BE FREE OF DEPENDENCE ON AMERICANS AND THEREFORE, ESPECIALLY
AFTER U.S. AGGRESSION AGAINST CAMBODIA, IT WANTS U.S. FORCES
OUT OF THAILAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NEUBERT

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